

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) An interactive system for providing information to patients in a non-hospital medical setting comprising:

at least one video display unit located within at least one examination/consultation room in a non-hospital medical setting;

a list of available medical programs for viewing by a patient, each said medical program having a program number associated therewith;

a manual device for entering a program number for a selected one of said medical programs selected from said list by said patient;

said manual device having means for transmitting a signal directly to said at least one video display unit;

an electronic device containing a plurality of video files connected to said at least one video display;

said electronic device having means for receiving a signal from said at least one video display unit identifying said program selected by said patient. whereby ~~so that a~~ said program selected by said patient using said manual device is provided by said electronic device to said at least one video display unit; and

means for changing and updating said video files on said electronic device.

2. (original) An interactive system according to claim 1, wherein said changing and updating means is external to said medical setting.

3. (original) An interactive system according to claim 1, wherein said changing and updating means is internal to said medical setting.

4. (previously presented) An interactive system for providing information to patients in a medical setting comprising:

at least one video display unit located within a medical setting;

a list of available programs for viewing by a patient;

a manual device for entering a program number selected from said list by said patient;

an electronic device containing a plurality of video files connected to said at least one video display so that a program selected by said patient using said manual device is provided by said electronic device to said at least one video display unit;

means for changing and updating said video files on said electronic device; and

said electronic device maintaining a log of each program selected by said viewer.

5. (original) An interactive system according to claim 4, wherein said changing and updating means comprises means for accessing data in said log maintained by said electronic device.

6. (original) An interactive system according to claim 4, further comprising said changing and updating means communicating with said electronic device via a satellite link.

7. (original) An interactive device according to claim 4, further comprising said changing and updating means communicating with said electronic device via at least one of a telephone line and a terrestrial line.

8. (original) An interactive system according to claim 4, wherein said changing and updating means comprises an electronic device located at a location remote from said medical setting.

9. (currently amended) An interactive system according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of video files on said electronic device includes video programs about at least one of medical news, medical illustrations, product education, medical conditions, and healthcare information.

10. (original) An interactive system according to claim 9, wherein at least some of said video programs contain advertisements for medical products and instructions for taking such medical products.

11. (original) An interactive system according to claim 1, wherein said list of available programs comprises an on-screen display of said available programs.

12. (currently amended) An interactive system for providing information to patients in a medical setting comprising:

at least one video display unit located within a medical setting;

a printed list of available medical programs for viewing by a patient, each said medical program having a program number associated therewith;

a manual device for entering a program number selected from said list by said patient, said manual device directly transmitting said selected program number to said at least one video display unit;

an electronic device containing a plurality of video files connected to said at least one video display so that a program selected by said patient using said manual device is provided by said electronic device to said at least one video display unit;

means for changing and updating said video files on said electronic device; and

a hand-held user interface containing said printed list of available medical programs and said manual device.

13. (original) An interactive system according to claim 12, further comprising said manual device comprising a remote control device having a keypad, touchpad, mouse or keyboard.

14. (previously presented) An interactive system according to claim 1, further comprising said at least one video display unit

comprising at least one television monitor located within a patient examining room in said non-hospital medical setting.

15. (cancelled)

16. (original) An interactive system according to claim 1, further comprising said at least one video display unit comprising at least one television monitor located in a pharmacy setting.

17. (currently amended) An interactive system for providing information to patients in a medical setting comprising:

at least one video display unit located within a medical setting;

said at least one video display unit comprising a television monitor;

a list of available programs containing medical content for viewing by a patient, said list including a program number for each said available program;

a manual device having means for entering a program number selected from said list by said patient and means for transmitting a signal directly to said at least one television monitor;

~~an electronic device~~ a server containing a plurality of video files connected to said at least one ~~video display unit~~ television monitor, said server having means for receiving a signal transmitted by said at least one television monitor which identifies said selected program number and means for displaying said ~~so that a~~ program selected by said patient using said manual device ~~is~~

~~provided by said electronic device to~~ on said at least one ~~video display unit television monitor;~~

means for changing and updating said video files on said ~~electronic device~~ server; and

said medical setting having a plurality of patient examining/consultation rooms and said system including a television monitor in each of said examining consultation rooms; and

each said television monitor being connected to said server.

18. (cancelled)

19. (previously presented) An interactive system according to claim 1, further comprising a plurality of video display units in said medical setting and said electronic device having a capability to simultaneously provide the same program content to each of said video display units.

20. (original) An interactive system according to claim 1, wherein said list of available programs comprises a list of channels and a program associated with each of said channels.

21. (previously presented) An interactive system for providing information to patients in a medical setting comprising:

at least one video display unit located within a medical setting;

a list of available programs for viewing by a patient;

a manual device for entering a program number selected from said list by said patient;

an electronic device containing a plurality of video files connected to said at least one video display so that a program selected by said patient using said manual device is provided by said electronic device to said at least one video display unit;

means for changing and updating said video files on said electronic device; and

said manual device comprising a device for generating an infrared signal and said at least one video display unit as means for receiving said infrared signal and for transmitting said infrared signal to said electronic device.

22. (original) An interactive system according to claim 1, having an automatic turn-on feature and an automatic turn-off feature.

23. (currently amended) An interactive method for providing healthcare information to an individual, said method comprising the steps of:

locating a video display unit within an examination/consultation room in a non-hospital medical setting;

connecting an electronic device located externally of said examination room and containing a plurality of video files having medical content to said video display unit;

providing a list of said video files available for viewing by said individual, which list contains a number for each said video

file, and a hand-held device for ~~accessing~~ inputting the number of a
selected one of said video files;

transmitting a signal directly from said hand held device to
said video display unit identifying said selected one of said video
files and transmitting a signal from said video display unit to said
electronic device identifying said selected one of said video files;
and

displaying a the selected one of said video files ~~selected by~~
~~said individual.~~

24. (original) A method according to claim 23, further comprising:

said locating step comprising locating a plurality of video
display units in a plurality of examination/consultation rooms; and

said connecting step comprises connecting said electronic
device to each of said video display units.

25. (original) A method according to claim 23, further comprising
storing on said electronic device a plurality of video files
relating to health conditions, medical illustrations, healthcare
products and medicines, and medical news.

26. (original) A method according to claim 23, further comprising
updating said video files on said electronic device from another
electronic device located remote from said medical setting.

27. (original) A method according to claim 26, wherein said
updating step comprises updating said video files via a satellite
link.

28. (original) A method according to claim 26, wherein said updating step comprises updating said video files via a telephone line.

29. (original) A method according to claim 26, wherein said updating step comprises updating said video files via a portable electronic device.

30. (original) A method according to claim 23, further comprising maintaining a log of video files viewed by said individuals on said electronic device.

31. (original) A method according to claim 30, further comprising periodically downloading information maintained in said log to a remote device for analysis of said information.

32. (previously presented) A method according to claim 23, wherein said list and device providing step comprises providing a hand-held user interface containing said list of available video files and a remote control to said individual.

33. (original) A method for gathering information about health care programs viewed by patients in a medical setting comprising:

locating at least one video display unit within at least one examination/consultation room in said medical setting;

connecting an electronic device containing a plurality of video files to each said video display unit;

providing a list of said video files to a patient and a device for accessing said video files;

displaying a video file selected by said patient; and

maintaining a log of each selected video file on said electronic device.

34. (original) A method according to claim 33, further comprising gathering information about viewed programs by accessing said log via another electronic device.

35. (original) A method according to claim 34, further comprising utilizing said gathered information to compute an amount due from at least one of advertisers and sponsors.